

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action several claims were allowed, while several others were merely objected to and were stated to be allowable if amended so as not to depend from rejected claims. Those claims which were merely objected to have been amended to independent form. Certain other claims were rejected in view of prior art references, and those claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, the only claims remaining have been deemed to be either allowed or allowable.

Allowed Claims 4-6, 9, 13, 17, 21, 24 and 42

The above-enumerated claims were all allowed in the above-identified Office Action. In this regard, however, certain amendments as to form have been made to allowed Claims 4, 5, and 42, wherein none of those claims have been broadened by the amendments thereto.

Claims 28, 30, 34, and 38 Should Have Been Identified As Allowable Because They Depend From Allowed Claims

The above-enumerated claims all depend from allowed Claim 4, wherefore such claims are also believed to be allowable.

Claims 18-20, 22 and 23 Were Rejected Solely On The Grounds That They Depend From Rejected Claims

The above-enumerated claims have all been redrafted in independent form to include all of the limitations of the claims from which they originally depended.

Accordingly, it is believed that such claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The only claims now pending in this application were either allowed or depend from allowed claims, or were rejected merely for depending from rejected claims while now having been redrafted in independent form. Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance.

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